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**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director

**RE: DRAFT STATEMENT OF BOARD POLICY ON POSSIBLE 2007  
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

**Background and Summary**

State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The policy allows for the creation of a "sense of the Board" document that describes the activities of staff and individual Board members as issues arise during legislative session. (The revised policy is attached.)

At its January 2006 meeting, the Board approved a "sense of the Board" document for the past session. For today's meeting, I have attached for discussion purposes an update to that document. The update reflects issues we anticipate might arise during the 2007 session. I will speak to some of those issues during my presentation.

Today's agenda item provides an opportunity for review and discussion. I will take comments from today's meeting, as well as any subsequent comments from Board members, and develop a final draft for possible adoption at the January 10 meeting. After adoption by the Board, the "Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2007 Legislative Issues" would serve as a guidance document for the 105-day regular legislative session that convenes January 8 and is scheduled to end April 22. Today's agenda item would also be an appropriate time for Board members to discuss any revisions to Policy 2001-001.

**Recommended Board Action**

None.